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School Operations and Reopening Office Hours
August 20, 2020

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Strong Start Reopening Office Hours

Strong Start School Reopening Office Hours will occur each Thursday, beginning July 23, from 3-4 p.m. and run through September 3

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Reopening Weekly Office Hour Calls

The purpose of the weekly reopening calls is for school system leaders and support staff to join our Zoom session to hear the **latest updates** on policy implementation, supportive guidance, and tool development.

Each weekly call will begin with an overview of recent updates followed by a moderated Q&A session on policy implementation, supportive guidance, and tool development.

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Updated Resources:

1. Facial Coverings
2. Cleaning Protocols
3. Hearing/Vision Screening Update
4. Student Illness at School Protocol
5. CHNOLA Town Hall Updates

Reminder Resources:

6. School Staff Safety
7. Partition Guidance Memo

Resource Documents

Guidelines: Baseline public health requirements for school systems to follow when reopening school facilities to students in Fall 2020 policy implementation, supportive guidance, and tool development.
****updated during the week as needed - remember to clear your cache for the latest version****

Best Practices: Supportive guidance and resources for implementing guidelines

Planning Template and Checklist: A template with questions to guide school systems in planning for reopening, with an accompanying checklist for reopening

FAQ Document: LDOE released and is maintaining a dynamic FAQ document for implementation support. ****updated during the week as needed****

Self Monitoring Checklist: School system checklist to ensure BESE adopted requirements are being met.

Resource Updates

Resources: Facial Coverings

Facial Coverings update:

- CDC recommends that people wear [cloth face coverings](#) in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain.
- Cloth face coverings are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the cloth face covering coughs, sneezes, talks, or raises their voice. This is called [source control](#). It is not known if neck gaiters provide any benefit as source control to protect others from the spray of respiratory particles.
- **CDC does not recommend use of neck gaiters as a substitute for cloth face coverings. Neck gaiters should only be used until an appropriate cloth face covering can be secured.**

Resources: Cleaning Protocols

Clorox/Disinfectant Wipes/Cleaning Solutions

- Students should not be disinfecting personal areas in schools with disinfectant wipes or cleaning solutions.
- The cleaning of these areas should be conducted by appropriate school system personnel and in accordance with the [most recent CDC guidelines](#).
- School system personnel should be provided with adequate PPE to carry out cleaning and disinfecting.

Resource Updates: Vision/Hearing Screening

Vision/Hearing Screening:

- The Louisiana American Academy of Pediatrics has issued a [memo](#) outlining an updated recommended schedule for vision/hearing screening updates for the 2020-21 school year. The following children will undergo vision and hearing screening this fall:
 - All Pre-K and Kindergarten students, as new enterers
 - Any student with a reported concern
 - Individual students for Special Education, Title or SBLC requests
- Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 will have screenings suspended until it is safe to do so in a mass assembly format.
- LDOE is committed to seeking regulatory flexibilities to support the AAP recommendations.

Resource Update: Student Illness at School

In advance of opening, schools should designate rooms in their schools for:

1. **Temporary Holding Room** large enough for a full class to stay, and
2. **Isolation Room** for a student or teacher who has COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test

Non-Covid-19 Symptoms: If the individual's symptoms are NOT consistent with COVID-19:

- Send the individual home (if appropriate)
- Clean the student/teacher desk appropriately following CDC cleaning and sanitation guidelines

Resource Update: Student Illness at School

COVID-19 Symptoms: If the symptoms are consistent with COVID-10 (fever, cough, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes or feeling extra tired):

- **Isolation:** Isolate the sick individual in the isolation room and make plans for the individual to leave the campus.
- **Relocate Class:** Send the entire class to the temporary holding room until the classroom is cleaned.
- **Wait** 24 hours.
- **Clean** all frequently touched surfaces in the classroom following CDC cleaning guidelines*
 - *Keep the sick student's desk clear for 24 hours*
- **Return to Classroom:** Allow other students and teacher(s) to return to the classroom
- **Clean** the Isolation room at least 20 minutes after the sick person leaves

Resource Update: LDH Communication Plan

- LDH and LDOE continue to make collaborative efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and ensure students and staff within our State have safe and healthy learning environments by implementing necessary procedures and guidance.
- LDH is working with LDOE on a process to report all known or suspected positive COVID-19 cases occurring among its students and staff to the LDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology section via an LDH electronic reporting system.
- This communication system is one part of mitigation efforts to reduce community transmission of COVID 19.
- More information will be forthcoming.

Supports from Key Partners: CHNOLA

The Children's Hospital New Orleans Hotline for School Wellness and Virtual Care (504-837-7760) offers guidance to school nurses and school administrators.

The Children's Hospital New Orleans Town Hall Series for Schools will continue through September, every other Tuesday with **a new time of 3 pm**. The Zoom link and information will be shared in our weekly newsletter.

Supports from Key Partners: CHNOLA

Date	Time	Zoom Link
September 1, 2020	3-4 pm	Please click the link to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/92567891261?pwd=cTZSN28vNE42cThUL21GS2pYUWxiUT09 Passcode: 912020 Dial-In: +13126266799 Meeting ID: 92567891261# Passcode: 912020#
September 15, 2020	3-4 pm	Please click the link to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/95094135523?pwd=U0p4Zmp4R3d2TndkQjdUai9EcDE4dz09 Passcode: 9152020 Dial-In: +19292056099 Meeting ID : 95094135523# Passcode: 9152020#
September 29, 2020	3-4 pm	Please click the link to join the webinar: https://zoom.us/j/99348692454?pwd=eko5eUpEa1dnMGZJMWxWSFhJWnpFUT09 Passcode: 9292020 Dial-In: +13017158592 Meeting ID: 99348692454# Passcode: 9292020#

Supports from Key Partners: CHNOLA

Children's Hospital of New Orleans has provided a [School Wellness page](#) with resources for school systems to use throughout the school year. These resources include:

- [Printable school signage](#) to remind students and visitors of social distancing measures, handwashing hygiene and facial covering use.
- [Parent resources](#) for school systems to use for communication needs with parents surrounding a safe and healthy return to the classroom.



Resource Reminders

School Staff Safety Recommendations

The protection of school staff should be a priority for the 2020-21 school year. The following are a series of best practice recommendations to keep school staff safe and healthy and prevent the closing of a school site in the event of a COVID outbreak among staff:

- Faculty, PLC, administration and committee meetings should be held virtual when possible. If held in person, social distancing, maximum group size and facial covering guidelines must be followed.
- School staff, including support staff, teachers and administration should be encouraged to not congregate in hallways, shared work spaces or other areas.
- Teacher lounges, copy rooms and other shared work spaces should be closed or limited to one or two identified staff members.

Office of the Fire Marshal Room Partition Memo

- The state fire marshal office has issued guidance relative to the use of partitions within large spaces to maintain the separation of static groups.
- School Systems are encouraged to submit the proposed plan for dividing large spaces with partitions for review - prior to installation - if there is any question regarding safety. Plans may be emailed to SFMDispatch@gmail.com and every attempt will be made to respond within two working days. These arrangements are ONLY temporary and shall be removed prior to full normal occupancy of the buildings, once the pandemic is no longer a threat.
- OSFM has provided a [guidance memo](#) outlining acceptable materials and locations of these temporary partitions.

Moderated Q&A Session

Additional questions following the Q&A can be sent to:
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